them began to ask me questions as to how it was that ! had to come to the Andamans and so on. They went even so far as to suggest to me certain particulars regarding my future. Out of all that they said I remember particularly the details of an incident that they said, was going to happen shortly, and that was this : —I would receive a letter from the girl I loved, of whom I made mention once, some time before, containing amongst other things, some lines in particular which they read out to me quite distinctly.

I should like to quote the lines here, translated into English from the original in Bengalee, for my reader's perusal, as I happen to remember the lines word for word, even now quite clearly. They are "Your very own dear sister Putu Rani and Karuna Kana (my niece) two pretty blossoms from the *'garden of Heaven" have gone back to their garden, to flower there'*. Saying all this the gentlemen prepared to leave and proceeded just in the opposite direction from which they came. Strange to say, that

I actually received such a letter, some ten or fifteen days later, and found much to astonishment, that it contained amongst other things, that very ill